

# URC SOUTHERN SYNOD MISSION & VISION

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## Make a Labyrinth on Zoom 24th Nov @ 7-9pm

Aileen White lead us in an evening of  
understanding Labyrinths AND we will each  
make a finger-labyrinth in our own home!



£10 per person  
which excludes the  
clay  
book with Nadene  
welcome@ccpw.org.uk

**PLEASE NOTE:** Items  
for the next issue of  
"Mission & Vision"  
need to be sent to  
**Andy** by **11  
November.**

A copy of this news  
sheet can be found  
& downloaded from  
the Synod website  
[southernsynodurc.org.uk](http://southernsynodurc.org.uk)

## Youth Mental Health First Aid

Learn to support young people

- Gain an in-depth understanding of mental health and factors that can affect wellbeing in the youth sector
- Develop practical skills to spot the triggers and signs of mental health issues
- Feel confident to step in, reassure and support a young person in distress
- Enhance your interpersonal skills such as non-judgemental listening and learn to champion self-care

For more info and to book, contact:



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Visit the MHFA England website at [mhfaengland.org](http://mhfaengland.org)  
Find us on social media @MHFAEngland

[www.bit.ly/november-mhfa](http://www.bit.ly/november-mhfa)



30 Nov - 1 Dec 2022  
URC Church House,  
London WC1H 9RT

[www.bit.ly/february-mhfa](http://www.bit.ly/february-mhfa)



2 Feb - 3 Feb 2023  
Northern College,  
Manchester M14 5JP



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## **Preaching on Revelation**

**A day to be Refreshed & Inspired in your Preaching.**

**19 November 2022 at Crawley URC**

**SPEAKER: Rev Derek Tidball**

**Refreshments from 10.00 Starts: 10.30 Depart: 15.30**

The day will include time for delegates to share ideas of books or resources they have found helpful.

**Soup will be provided at lunchtime.**

**All are welcome!**

To book your place contact  
Synod Lay Preaching Commissioner  
Sue Knight: [Localchurchleader@reigateparkchurch.org](mailto:Localchurchleader@reigateparkchurch.org)

Choral service

Mozart's Requiem in D minor

with Trinity Festival Choir

6.30pm Sunday 13 November

at Trinity Church Sutton SM1 1DZ

All welcome

[www.trinitychurchsutton.org.uk](http://www.trinitychurchsutton.org.uk)



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## CALLED TO PREACH?

The Lay Preachers  
Training Course

January 2023

Is God calling **YOU**?

Contact Andy for details

[training@urcsouthern.org.uk](mailto:training@urcsouthern.org.uk)



The 8 sessions will take place at Caterham URC on Monday mornings. If you are interested but cannot make a daytime timeslot, please get in touch anyway because other options could be considered.



KENT • WORK PLACE • MISSION

**Kent Workplace Mission - Coordinating Chaplain** (18 hours per week)

Salary £18,452

*Coordinating and developing KWM Chaplaincy engagement across Kent and SE London*

**Bluewater Retail and Leisure Destination - Lead Chaplain** (18 hours per week)

Salary £18,452

*Leading the Bluewater Chaplaincy Team*

Further details and an application pack are available from

[admin@kentworkplacemission.org](mailto:admin@kentworkplacemission.org)

**Closing date:** 22.11.2022

**Interviews:** 13.12.2022

Westminster College and the Cheshunt Foundation  
invite you to  
the Michaelmas 2022 Cheshunt Lecture

**'Dust in the blood':  
A theology of life with depression**



**Dr Jessica Coblentz**

St Mary's College, Notre Dame (USA)

Thursday, 3rd November

14.15-15.45 GMT

Healey Room

Westminster College

Cambridge

and online

A lecture and discussion on the topic of Dr Coblentz's new book (Liturgical Press, 2022) and its implications for Christian ministry. A reception will follow for those attending in person.

Please visit [cheshunt.eventbrite.com](https://cheshunt.eventbrite.com)  
or scan the QR code  
to register for the [streaming link](#).



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**PROFESSOR DAVID BLOCK**  
**GOD AND GALILEO**  
The battle for the soul of the world  
Professor David Block explores the relationship between contemporary science and faith

**FREE EVENT**  
Donations Welcome

**SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY 2023**  
**2:30PM**

**All Saints' Church**  
**Tudeley, Kent**  
**TN11 0NZ**  
(Doors open 2pm)

LIMITED SEATING, BOOKING ADVISABLE  
Booking & more information on our website  
[www.tudeley.org](http://www.tudeley.org)  
or contact the church office: email [chadmin@tudeley.org](mailto:chadmin@tudeley.org)

## Training in pastoral care

- January 24: **SESSION 1: Introduction to Pastoral Care**  
February 21: **SESSION 2: Building the team and Boundaries**  
March 21: **SESSION 3: Developing your Listening Skills**

VENUE: Faversham United Church (LEP),  
Preston Street, Faversham ME13 8PE.

TIME: 10.30 – 13.00

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

For more details or to book your place, contact Andy Twilley:  
[training@urcsouthern.org.uk](mailto:training@urcsouthern.org.uk)

## Church in Hove and Portslade Pastorate

I challenged each of the three churches I serve to open their church to their community. We have been thinking how we might join other churches and organisations to offer warmth & hospitality. This is an act of faith! Taking God's call to be open to people's need. It is a risk, but it uses many skills already honed; but in a new context. Each church has responded positively. Central Hove is already running a weekly lunch group called "Welcome break", providing freshly made soup; in partnership with a local greengrocer, using his unsalable but edible vegetables. Honsom plans a fortnightly lunchtime event, as yet unnamed. Portslade are opening a weekly "Warm Space" It feels good to open our buildings; but with a sense of vulnerability; as we take seriously God's promise to be present, in everything we do. We all believe, that God has been faithful to us, and we are showing our faithfulness in the abundant love of God. We pray for God's blessings on this new perspective.

*Rev. Sue Chapman*



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